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NEARLY \$223 MILLION IN NEW TRANSPORTATION FUNDING APPROVED FOR STATE'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

FRESNO – Continuing the push to rebuild and maintain California's infrastructure, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) has allocated nearly \$223 million to 109 transportation projects that will alleviate traffic delays, repair aging roads and bridges and encourage bicycling and walking.

Thirty eight biking and pedestrian projects throughout the state will receive \$10.3 million in allocations from the Active Transportation Program.

"Allocations like those made today help Caltrans continue to invest in, maintain and modernize California's transportation system," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "Each of these projects is an opportunity to improve safety, access and mobility for all travelers in California, whether you choose to travel via car, bike or transit."

Active transportation projects funded include:

Fresno: \$40,000; to Fresno County COG to construct new ADA Path on Grove and Jensen Avenue from Ninth Street to Cedar Avenue that will include new and retrofitting curbs/ramps.

Fresno: \$32,000; to Fresno County COG to install a new sidewalk along Dunlap Road from Dunlap Elementary to Dunlap Leadership Academy including the installation of an –in-pavement crosswalk lighting system.

Fresno: \$30,000; to Fresno County COG to install a new walkway on the north side of Mt. Whitney Avenue from Grantland Avenue to Garfield Avenue to provide pedestrians walking and/or biking along Mt. Whitney a safe dedicated path.

Fresno: \$40,000; to Fresno County COG to construct an ADA compliant path for students who walk on Hazel Avenue to Mt. Whitney Avenue to Stathem Avenue.

City of Kerman: \$26,000; to Fresno County COG to construct Pedestrian Safety Improvements at various locations including new curb and gutter, sidewalks and curb ramps.

City of Mendota: \$25,000; to Fresno County COG to construct Mendota Elementary Pedestrian Improvements to improve pedestrian safety and facilities at high traffic locations near the new Mendota Elementary School.

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The newly allocated funding also includes \$167.2 million from the State Highway Operation and Protection Program for 41 projects that will maintain and preserve the investment in the state highway system and its supporting infrastructure. These capital improvements consist of projects covering maintenance, pavement repair and rehabilitation, safety improvements and upgrades to bridges throughout the state.

“Preventative maintenance is the most cost-effective means of protecting the state’s infrastructure investment,” continued Director Dougherty. “We adopted a ‘fix it first’ strategy because for every \$1 spent on preventative maintenance, we can save taxpayers up to \$14 in monies that would have been spent on more expensive and extensive repairs.”

The allocations also include \$2.2 million from Proposition 1B, a transportation bond approved by voters in 2006. To date, more than \$18 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been put to work statewide for transportation purposes. The remaining \$43 million in allocations came from various state and federal transportation accounts.

Among the projects that received funding allocations today were:

Fresno: \$2.2 million; in Fresno, Kings, and Tulare Counties on Routes 5, 41, 168, 180 and 198 at various locations which will replace the existing overhead signs and roadside signs to improve highway efficiency and safety for vehicle traffic.

Fresno: \$362,000; in Fresno, Kern, Madera and Tulare counties at various intersections in order to upgrade signalized intersections to include Accessible Pedestrian System (APS) push buttons and countdown pedestrian heads to reduce the number and severity of collisions.

Bakersfield: \$8 million; repair joint seals, paint steel elements and upgrade/reconstruct guardrails at four bridges in Bakersfield on State Route 204 to extend the bridge service life.

Bakersfield: \$4.9 million; overlay 31.2 miles of State Route 58 near Boron from west of Boron overcrossing to the San Bernardino County line with rubberized hot mix asphalt, install shoulder backing and replacement of guardrail at identified location to extend pavement service life and improve ride safety and quality.

Bakersfield: \$6.8 million; on State Route 119, near Dustin Acres, From Elk Hills Road to Tupman Road construct truck climbing lanes to reduce congestion and improve highway operations and mobility.

Bakersfield: \$6.1 million; on State Route 395 near Johannesburg, from the San Bernardino County line to Route 178; rehabilitate 49.5 lane miles of pavement by overlaying rubberized hot mix asphalt on the existing pavement to extend pavement service life and improve ride quality.

Bakersfield: \$1.9 million; on Routes 5, 58, 99, and 178 at various locations; replace the existing overhead and roadside sign panels with high retro-reflective sheeting to improve highway efficiency and safety for vehicle traffic.

Please see the attached file for more information about all projects that received allocations.

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